

873 NEWS

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March 2006

These are selected articles and information from the March 2006 newsletter for Local Lodge 873

MEETING NOTICES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

UNION MEETING:

The monthly meeting for April will be held on Thursday **April 6, 2006**. The meeting will start a 12:00 p.m. Noon for the night shift. The recessed meeting for the day shift will begin at 3:30 p.m.

STEWARDS:

Stewards meeting for the night shift will be held on **April 6, 2006** starting at 11:30 a.m. The day shift stewards will meet at 3:00 p.m.

**DISTRICT
DELEGATES:**

District 121 meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. This meeting will be held at Beaver Dam, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**DODGE COUNTY
LABOR COUNCIL:**

DCLC will hold their April meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Beaver Dam Public Library in Beaver Dam.

Marla C. Ryan
Recording Sec'y.

Financial Officers Hours for March 2006

Thursday March 2	11:00am to 9:30pm
Friday March 3	11:00am to 9:30pm
Friday March 10	11:00am to 4:00pm
Friday March 17	11:00am to 4:00pm
Friday March 24	11:00am to 4:00pm
Friday March 31	11:00am to 4:00pm



*Mission Statement -
"To stand united & to support
equality for all working families."*



Collection Barrel
for April
Dodge County
Humane Society

Wish List:

Current Shelter Needs:

- Bleach
- Laundry Detergent
- Stamps
- Paper Towels
- Latex gloves
- Air Fresheners
- Copy Paper
- Office Supplies (pens, file folders, staplers, envelopes)
- Large, plastic, see-through storage bins (for storage of food and other items)
- AA Batteries
- Avery inkjet labels #8160
- Dog Walkers – *call for details!*
- Cat socializers – *call for details!*
- Foster Homes (long and short term) – *call or check out website for details!*

Kitten & Cats:

- Cat/Kitten food – dry and canned
(suggested items: Diamond, Nutro Natural, Iams, Eukanuba,)
- Toys
- Unscented, non scoopable litter
- Scoopers
- Stainless steel food bowls
- Cat Beds

Puppy & Dogs:

- Adult and puppy dog food – dry and canned -
(suggested items: Nutro Natural, Iams, Eukanuba)
- Toys (inside and outside)
- New leashes and collars
- Stainless steel food bowls
- Peanut Butter
- Kongs (Med and Large)
- Pooper Scoopers
- Doggie Shampoo (oatmeal base)
- Flea/tick preventative

Small animals:

- Cages
- Food (rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs)
- Pine bedding
- Hanging Water bottles
- Heat Lamps
- Small animal hideouts and igloos

New Shelter Needs: (please call 920-885-4485 for details)

- 6 - Computers (Windows XP) & Printers
- Copy Machine
- Adding Machine
- 3 - File cabinets
- 8 - Rolling desk chairs
- 6 - Reception chairs
- Folding tables
- Folding chairs
- Spray Bottles
- 6 - Brooms
- 6 - Mops & Buckets
- Office Supplies
- Digital Camera
- Fax Machine
- Large, plastic, see-through storage bins
- 3-microwaves
- 3-small refrigerators
- 1-large refrigerator

Labor for remodeling (plumbing, electrical, dry walling, etc.)

Committee members-

- Cindy Haselow
- Cheryl Sigl
- Marilyn Rieman
- Yolanda Pillsbury
- Sherry Vree
- Janice Tobak
- Amber Engevold
- Marla Ryan

Thank you for your generosity.

Fraternally,

The Women's Committee



Keeping a Watchful eye

MISSION STATEMENT:

To pursue and communicate accurate information to better understand the impact politics has on working "America"

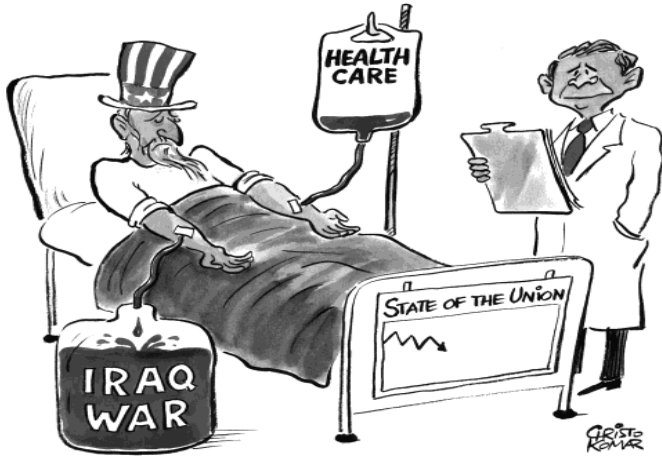
TAKE ACTION – ASSAULT ON HEALTH CARE

HSA's (Health Savings Accounts) will reduce Health Care Coverage and increase costs for working families.

Stop this terrible idea in its tracks by showing you oppose Bush's plan to shift health care cost to workers by signing the letter below.

Please turn your letter in by March 6, 2006 to your Union Steward, Legislative Committee Member (Jim Giedd, Emily Jeglum, Janice Tobak, Yolanda Pillsbury, Marilyn Rieman), or drop in the mailbox at the Union Hall.

Jim Giedd will hand deliver all letters to the Honorable Senator Russ Feingold, when he is in Washington D.C. on March 8.



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Dear Senator Feingold,

The President announced the centerpiece of his efforts to reform health care would be tax breaks for people to pay for their own health care, including Health Savings Accounts (HSA's), in which people replace traditional insurance coverage with their own savings.

HSA-based health care would be a disaster for working families, a giant step backward that would shift cost away from employers to employees and their families and force many people to go without needed care.

HSA's will do nothing to control skyrocketing health care cost or reduce the number of uninsured. In fact, they will just make matters worse for those who have health coverage.

By shifting the costs to workers, HSA's provide cover to employers to reduce or even eliminate health benefits.

I strongly oppose health care policies based on "consumer directed health care" and HSA's which would force many people to replace health care coverage with their own savings.

I urge you to reject Bush's proposal to replace traditional coverage with HSA's and to work to xpand health care coverage for working families instead of taking it away.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone# _____

A Quick Study of How Unions Help Workers Win a Voice on the Job

What is a union?

A union is a group of workers who form an organization to gain:

Respect on the job,

Better wages and benefits,

More flexibility for work and family needs,

A counterbalance to the unchecked power of employers, and

A voice in improving the quality of their products and services.

How do people form a union?

When workers decide they want to come together to improve their jobs, they work with a union to help them form their own local chapter. Once a majority of workers shows they want a union, sometimes employers honor the workers' choice. Often, the workers must ask the government to hold an election. If the workers win their union, they negotiate a contract with the employer that spells out each party's rights and responsibilities in the workplace.

Does the law protect workers joining unions?

It's supposed to—but too often it doesn't. Under the law, employers are not allowed to discriminate against or fire workers for choosing to join a union. For example, it's illegal for employers to threaten to shut down their businesses or to fire employees or take away benefits if workers form a union. However, employers routinely violate these laws, and the penalties are weak or nonexistent.

What kinds of workers are forming unions today?

A wider range of people than ever before, including many women and immigrants, is joining unions—doctors and nurses, poultry workers and graduate employees, home health care aides and wireless communications workers, auto parts workers and engineers, to name a few.

How do unions help working families today?

Through unions, workers win better wages, benefits and a voice on the job—and good union jobs mean stronger communities. Union workers earn 28 percent more than nonunion workers and are more likely to receive health care and pension benefits than those without a union. In 2004, median weekly earnings for full-time union wage and salary workers were \$781, compared with \$612 for their nonunion counterparts. Unions lead the fight today for better lives for working people, such as through expanded family and medical leave, improved safety and health protections and fair-trade agreements that lift the standard of living for workers all over the world.

What have unions accomplished for all workers?

Unions have made life better for all working Americans by helping to pass laws ending child labor, establishing the eight-hour day, protecting workers' safety and health and helping create Social Security, unemployment insurance and the minimum wage, for example. Unions are continuing the fight today to improve life for all working families in America.

What challenges do workers face today when they want to form unions?

Today, thousands of workers want to join unions. The wisest employers understand that when workers form unions, their companies also benefit. But most employers fight workers' efforts to come together by intimidating, harassing and threatening them. In response, workers are reaching out to their communities for help exercising their freedom to improve their lives.

